REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 15, 2006, claims 1-32 were allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for positive consideration of the claims.

Regarding the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Applicant does not agree or disagree with the specific reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on July 14, 2005, and respectfully asserts that the allowability of the claims is based upon the features of the claims and the totality of the record. Applicant reserves the right to traverse the Examiner's stated reasons and/or to argue other reasons to support allowance of the claims, should the need arise in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

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